



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: MAY 4, 2021**

FROM: COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT **WARDS: ALL**

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION ON CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND FUTURE PROJECTIONS BY DR. ANGELO FAROOQ, CHAIRMAN OF THE CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

ISSUE:

Receive and file a presentation on programs, services, and future projections for the California work force by Dr. Angelo Farooq, Chairman of the California Workforce Development Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receive and file a presentation on programs, services, and future projections for the California work force by Dr. Angelo Farooq, Chairman of the California Workforce Development Board.

BACKGROUND:

The California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) is responsible for assisting the Governor in performing the duties and responsibilities required by the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998. All members of the Board of Directors are appointed by the Governor and represent the many facets of workforce development – business, labor, public education, higher education, economic development, youth activities, employment, training, as well as the Legislature. The CWDB governs all federal workforce funds and is responsible for developing a common policy framework for the over \$6 billion statewide workforce system that is the largest in the country.

Dr. Angelo Farooq was appointed Chairman of the CWDB under Governor Newsom's administration by California Treasurer Fiona Ma as co-chair of the Housing, Economic Development, Job Creation & Opportunity Zone advisory committee and appointed by California Controller Betty Yee on the Council of Economic Advisors. A Riversider, Dr. Farooq also serves as President of the Board of Education for Riverside Unified School District, and as the Founding Director of the UC Riverside Center for Economic Development & Innovation (CEDI). He earned his Bachelor's Degree from UC Berkeley, Executive Master and Doctorate of Policy, Planning & Development degrees from the University of Southern California.

DISCUSSION:

City Council has previously recognized that a strong, diverse workforce is critical to an equitable and prosperous future for all and has identified workforce development initiatives among the City's Strategic Priorities for economic prosperity. Dr. Farooq's presentation provides a Statewide

perspective on the future of Riverside's workforce and discusses the potential short-term and long-term effects of the pandemic, the challenges ahead, and strategies to overcome them. Dr. Farooq will also provide insights on the regional workforce including emerging sectors, opportunities, and recommended next steps for the City of Riverside.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment:	Presentation
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